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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am opposed to the current settlement, as it actually rewards Microsoft by forcing schools to use Microsoft software and Intel based PCs.

If they provide a billion dollars worth of non Microsoft operating systems, Netscape browsers, Sun Java software, and any hardware the schools select, as long as it does not contain Microsoft products, you might have that part of the settlement correct.

Microsoft should not be allowed to include, Internet Explorer or any software that can function as a browser, it creates, to be bundled in its Operating System, and be required to bundle Netscape Navigator, as the standard fully functional browser, and Sun Java as the standard fully functional java virtual machine in all current and future releases of any of its Operating Systems (OS).

Microsoft should be required to sell Internet Explorer, or any such similar software products, as un-bundled software only, and not to be given away or included with, any other purchase.

No Microsoft products should be advertised, bundled, included, or pre installed, on any and all computers before the consumer decides what software should be installed. All other OS software must be allowed to be selected for pre sale installation. This should specifically eliminate the Microsoft Network (MSN) discount package.

Microsoft must dissolve itself of all its Internet Services (MSN).

Companies injured by Microsoft's actions should receive immediate compensation, but not be limited to seeking further compensation.

All penalties and compensation must be put in escrow immediately.

This would be a good start.

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